



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP ART UNIT 2852**

03500.017673

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: Ryan M. Gleitz
Masashige TAMURA)
: Group Art Unit: 2852
Application No.: 10/693,981)
: Confirmation No.: 3977
Filed: October 28, 2003)
: November 30, 2005
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS)
INCLUDING GRAVITY-OPERATED :
OPENING AND CLOSING)
MEMBER FOR DISCHARGING :
EXCESS DEVELOPER)
(AS AMENDED) :

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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated August 31, 2005, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application, as follows.

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12-24-05
James J.
1-5-06*

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